

CLAIMS

1. A method for operating an appliance comprising at least one sub-program step "drying", characterised in that during the at least one sub-program step "drying" air is conducted from a treatment chamber via a conduit system in which both ends of at least one heat pipe protrude and said air is then recirculated back into said chamber, wherein during its passage the air is cooled, moisture is removed and the air is subsequently reheated.
2. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that the air is conveyed by means of a fan.
3. The method according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that the air is cooled by means of the heat pipe.
4. The method according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that the air is heated by means of the heat pipe.
5. The method according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that the air is heated by means of a heater.
6. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the air is passed by a condenser.